

UNEXPECTED

Message #1 "Not as Advertised"

Luke 7:18-20

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"John's disciples reported back to him the news of all these events taking place. 19 He sent two of them to the Master to ask the question, 'Are you the One we've been expecting, or are we still waiting?' 20 The men showed up before Jesus and said, 'John the Baptizer sent us to ask you, 'Are you the One we've been expecting, or are we still waiting?'" Luke 7:18-20 Message Bible

3 Attributes of the Jewish Messiah

1. He was a **king** in the line of David.
2. He would **save** the Jewish Nation.
3. Anointed and **will rule** people during the Messianic Age.

"The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' 2 The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies." Psalm 110

THE UN-EXPECTED JESUS

1. He came in an unexpected **manner**- Isaiah 7:13-14, 53:1-12 Matthew 1:1-23

Born of a virgin - Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14

Born from a lowly family - Matthew 1, Isaiah 53:2-3

"If there's anything I know about kings, royalty begets royalty, kings sire kings and Joseph was no king" P Phil

2. He had an unexpected **message**- Isaiah 11, 61:1-3, Luke 4:16-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:16-21 JESUS

3. He proclaimed an unexpected **purpose**- Isaiah 53:1-11, Matthew 20:27-28

"...Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:1-11

“and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:27-28

4. He promised an unexpected **life**- Psalm 89:28-29, John 3:16, 4:13-14, 10:10, 28

“Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-18

“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” Luke 24:25–27 NIV

TAKEAWAYS

1. Christ has a way of showing up in **unexpected** ways and times.
2. Christ can do a deeper work than you ever expected, so don't put him in a box.

QUESTIONS

We can often put God in a box. What are some views of God/Jesus you have had in the past that weren't very accurate, that today you see Him differently?

What are some images of God that you still have a hard time getting past?

We often find what we are looking for. What is the deepest desire of your heart for God to do in your life?

Prayer

Jesus,

I apologize for how I have at times limited you because of the way I view you. As we approach Easter I want to see you in a new and fresh way. I give you permission to show up in an unexpected way however you choose so that I can know you better and love you more.

SERVICE TIMES

- **Sunday 8:30 AM** - Heritage Service
- **Sunday 10:00 AM** - CW Family Service – Children, Youth, and Adult Classes
- **Sunday 11:20 AM** - CW Family Service – Family Connect

UPCOMING EVENTS

For all our upcoming online and in-person events, go to our website: www.cwmc.church/event